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The Sun Wishes all its Many Friends a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
 with Continued Prosperity During the Year to Come



COCONINO POTATO CROP BEING SOLD IN ARIZONA

Everyone in Coconino county is more or less interested in our potato crop, and in the way it is handled after it has been harvested. Most of our readers are aware that the Coconino Farm Bureau Marketing association is handling practically the entire crop of the county this year, and shipped a large number of cars of potatoes to Phoenix warehouses for sale. The success or failure of this plan is at stake this year, and the outcome is being awaited with a great deal of interest by the farmers themselves, and also by others who are indirectly associated in the potato game.

For this reason the following letter from H. L. Hutchison, president of the marketing association, and who is at present in Phoenix looking after the sale of potatoes there, should be of interest to our readers. This letter was written by Mr. Hutchison to one of the local business houses under date of December 13th.

"Knowing that you are interested and that you come in contact with the potato growers of the Coconino county district, particularly those marketing their crops through the Coconino Farm Bureau Marketing association, I feel it my present duty to inform you regarding conditions in Phoenix. The produce men here seem very desirous that northern Arizona should stay on the map as a potato producing district and have proven their cooperation by paying us a price at least eleven cents per cwt. above competitive growers of other states. Their showing this feeling of cooperation to enable the Arizona growers an opportunity to realize a profit on their product, it now certainly rests with

the Arizona growers to reciprocate by giving the produce men a fair price protection.

"I will say this, and you may pass the word along, that I believe if we have no interference from non-associated growers, we will receive a better price in the near future than at present. However, we are in duty bound to protect the produce dealers, even to the extent of a loss for our labor, in the event that potatoes are peddled to the retail dealers in Phoenix at a price that would exclude the local wholesale produce dealers, at the prices being paid us at the present time.

"Anything that you may do or say to encourage the growers to stick by the association, will be duly appreciated by me. At the present time the produce dealers of Phoenix are buying nothing but Arizona potatoes, which is a different condition than I found on my arrival here two weeks ago.

"I am not writing this merely as a boost for the association, but for the information of all the growers in northern Arizona, and trust that the proper spirit of co-operation will be shown, which will certainly be to the best interests of all concerned in the growing and marketing of the potato crops of northern Arizona.

"Let everybody boost and not throw wrenches in the coars. Then I can feel confident that we will all realize a satisfactory remuneration for our labors extended during the summer of 1922.

"Thanking you all for this anticipated co-operation, I remain,
 "H. L. HUTCHISON."

ROTARIANS EAT TURKEY; HEAR MOVIE STORY AND BATTERY "D" TROUBLES

The Flagstaff Rotary club, which is first in most things, was this year first to celebrate Christmas, by having their big turkey feed on Tuesday of this week. The club decided a week previous that it would be better to be ahead of time than late, so pulled the big event this week. Miss Berchold, head of the domestic science department of the Normal, and her staff of student assistants, did themselves proud upon this occasion and were called before the club and given a vote of thanks for the excellent dinner they had prepared.

C. B. Wilson was chairman of the day and he has prepared an excellent program, which was opened by a very much appreciated vocal number by Miss Ida Davis, physical director at the Normal, accompanied by Miss Mildred Whetzel, of the music department.

W. D. Meyers of Winslow, who has had considerable experience in the Boy Scout movement, was present and made a short talk along that line. He appeared to be well posted on the subject and was listened to with much interest.

Miss Mary Costigan, manager of the Orpheum theatre, was introduced and asked by Chairman Wilson to give those present a business insight into the general moving picture business, especially the theatre end. Miss Costigan said the moving picture business was divided into three distinct departments—the production or manufacturing end, the distribution and the showing or theatre business. The moving picture business has grown in a few short years to be the fourth largest in the United States. They employ in all branches over 50,000 people and have an annual payroll of over \$50,000,000. The Orpheum theatre has a payroll of over \$500 per month and it costs Miss Costigan about \$55 a day to operate her show house, which includes payroll, purchase of pictures, advertising, rent, heat, light, etc. Films like "Grandma's Boy," which was shown here last

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INDIANS HOLD CELEBRATION

The Navajo Indians at Tuba City are now celebrating the Ya-be-chi dance, an annual winter event, which is one of the most elaborate dances this tribe holds. The dance extends over a period of nine days, concluding with a big feast and other events, including the wonderful sand painting, on Christmas evening. A large number of sheep and cattle will be slaughtered for the final day, and several hundred Navajos from other the entire reservation will be present.

DEARBORN STATION BURNED; LOST U. S. PLANE LOCATED

O. B. Raudebaugh reported this morning that the information was given out from Los Angeles by radio last night that the old Dearborn railroad station in Chicago was burned to the ground about 5 o'clock last night. The trains which were in the shed were pulled out and saved, but the building was a total wreck.

The information was also given that an old Indian arrived at Tucson last evening and reported locating the aeroplane carrying two United States officers, which left San Diego several days ago and has since been lost. He found the frame 75 miles west of Tucson, its nose sticking in the sand and the plane burned with the two officers' bodies in it. A detachment of troops left at once with the Indian to locate the wreck.

The Masons and Eastern Star will hold joint installation of their new officers at the Masonic temple next Wednesday night, December 27. The ceremony will be followed by a banquet.

HOPHI WEDDING FIRST OF KIND HELD AT TUBA

What was probably the first public Christian wedding among the Hopi Indians occurred at Tuba City the evening of December 1, when William Dalton and Hilda Lamentewa, both full-blooded Hopi Indians, were married.

The wedding was held in the theatre after the evening moving picture show, and was carried out with all of the usual attendants, flower girl, best man and bridesmaid. Rev. J. B. Fry, missionary at Tuba, performed the ceremony, which was followed by an elaborate wedding dinner and dancing until a late hour.

The bride is a well educated young lady and is now assistant matron of the girls' dormitory at the Indian school. The groom is employed in the boys' dormitory of the same school.

The parents of the young couple are insisting that they now carry out the old Indian marriage ceremony which would extend over a period of three or four months, but Mr. and Mrs. Dalton don't think they have time for this ceremony.

BIGGEST HOLIDAY RUSH ON RECORD AT POSTOFFICE

There does not appear to be any lack of Christmas spirit evidenced at the local postoffice this year. The postoffice is handling about all the traffic will bear, coming and going in truck loads at all hours of the day. The clerks are handling the biggest holiday rush that was ever handled at this office and while it is making some of them look sorter hollow-eyed and peaked, they are delivering the goods with both hands.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE CHARGE JANUARY 1

While there are a good many county offices which will not change hands on the first Monday in January, yet there will be several new faces about the court house after that date, when the successful candidates of the November election take their respective offices.

The board of supervisors will be reorganized with two new members. R. E. Taylor will represent the first district in the place now occupied by W. H. Campbell. John Loy succeeds Fred Garing in the Second district, and W. C. Rittenhouse will make the third, being the hold-over member of the board. Joe Richel is slated to become the new clerk of the board and he is now in the office getting onto the ropes.

The sheriff's office will continue to be under the supervision of W. A. Campbell, and he will make no changes in his splendid force with the exception of filling the place now occupied by Howard Marine, who becomes county recorder. Doc Wyatt will be his deputy.

Ana Frohmiller, who is now in charge of the treasurer's office by appointment, will become the duly elected treasurer on January 1. She will appoint as her assistant Miss Ardelle Switzer.

The county attorney's office changes hands this time, Frank Harrison taking the place now held by F. M. Gold. Mr. Harrison will appoint Geo. R. Lewis as his assistant.

Charlotte Acker will replace Virginia Lockett in the office of county school superintendent.

The office of the clerk of the superior court would look strange without Tom L. Rees in it, and he will continue to have charge of the court records for the next two years. Miss Mary Ayres will continue to assist him.

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WANTS ARIZONA VIEWS FOR NEW YORK EXHIBIT OF AMERICA'S WONDERS

What may prove a big step toward getting the scenic wonders of northern Arizona before the people of the United States is contained in a recent letter received by Colonel W. W. Crosby, superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park, from George Diehl of the American Automobile association.

Mr. Diehl reports that his association is forming an exhibit of the scenic attractions of the United States and of course is desirous of including this section in the exhibit. These pictures will be placed on display first for one week in New York and later be shown in the centers of population over the United States, and will no doubt do much toward getting the unexcelled scenic wonders of northern Arizona before the traveling public.

Mr. Diehl could not have found a better man for the task of collecting the material for this exhibit than Col. Crosby. He is in touch with the subject, especially the most awe-inspiring scene in all the world—the Grand Canyon, and he will see to it that we get a proper representation in this movie.

The east certainly needs considerable education along these very lines and it is to be hoped that the matter will be handled in such a manner that the public in general are brought in touch with the exhibit, which will consist of photographs, drawings, paintings, etc.

The clubs and organizations of Flagstaff stand ready to give any assistance Col. Crosby may call for in this good work.

POSTOFFICE OPEN MORNINGS

For the accommodation of patrons the postoffice will be kept open from 9 to 10 o'clock on Sunday and Monday mornings.

B. P. O. ELKS ANNUAL BALL UPHOLDS THEIR RECORD

The Elks' annual ball, held in Ashurst auditorium, Friday evening, December 15th, as is always the case, was the social event of the winter. A large number were present, including many from the surrounding towns, and all enjoyed the evening to the limit.

The hall was very attractively decorated in purple and white, the Elks colors. Splendid music was furnished by Gilberts' Orchestra from Prescott, who were quite liberal with their encores, and played until a late hour. At the stroke of eleven the members of the lodge formed a circle in the center of the hall and a toast was given to the departed brothers, led by L. W. Cross.

Benches arranged in the corners of the hall, were presided over by several young ladies who served punch during the evening.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE AT GRAND CANYON MARRIED

John W. Johnson, of Grand Canyon, and Jean Abby Shaw, of Berkeley, California, were married by Rev. W. H. Zook at the Methodist parsonage Monday evening, December 18, at 6 o'clock.

D. W. Seymour and Mrs. Inez H. Eyma were the only guests present at the ceremony and the bride and groom returned at once to Grand Canyon where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly a trained nurse and her parents live in the east. Mr. Johnson is in the government service and has resided for the past two or three years at Grand Canyon where he installed and is now operating the government water gauge at the foot of Bright Angel trail. He has erected a cottage near his work, where they will make their home.

DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTIES TRACED BY NEW MADE MAPS

A very important work is being concluded in the office of the state historian is the mapping of the various stages of Arizona's political development. It has been necessary to show the successive changes in county boundaries from 1864 to the present date. These maps, traced by James M. Barney, follow the lines laid out by the various acts of the territorial legislatures.

"It has been a very interesting task," said Colonel McClintock, "I have checked back the county boundaries into the New Mexican period of Arizona's history, this done by going directly to the source of information, Santa Fe. When General Kearney annexed New Mexico to the United States, in 1845, the country embraced everything south of latitude 37 to the Gila river, insofar as the present state of Arizona is concerned, and the northern line ran straight to California, across what is now the southern point of Nevada. By the Gadsden purchase, in 1854, there was added what then was known as 'Arizona' south of the Gila river.

In general, the western tier of New Mexican counties had their boundaries extended westward, through to California. The counties of Tans, Santa Ana, Valencia and Bernaldo extended ribbon-like through a region that had no white occupation except for Forts Defiance and Mohave. Dona Ana county was extended westward to take in the region south of the Gila, where later was established the county of Arizona, with county seat at Tubac and then at Tucson. Incidentally the old Confederate territory of Arizona embraced all of Arizona and New

Mexico south of the 34th parallel, which now is the northern boundary line of Maricopa county."

The historian stated that inasmuch as he had started on the New Mexico counties, he thought he would look up the successive changes made within Arizona proper and this idea naturally was taken into the stage of mapping. The maps start with date of 1847, when there were only four counties, Yuma, with county seat at La Paz, is the only subdivision that has never known a change of boundary lines. The eastern line of Mohave county extended directly north to Utah on an extension of the Yuma line, and westward to California, leaving the Colorado river in about the middle of the county. Mohave City was the county seat. Pima had everything south of the Gila river, with the exception of a part of Yuma, and Yavapai took all the rest of the territory.

In 1865 was created the northern half of Mohave county, with Calville as its county seat, this changed in 1867 to St. Thomas on the Muddy.

In 1871 Mohave was restored to its original boundary, there having been protesting acceptance of the diversion of the Nevada point. In this year the county seat of Yuma was transferred to Arizona City, soon thereafter known as Yuma. Most important in this year was establishment of Maricopa county, with an irregular northern line that dipped down from the 34th parallel to a point only a few miles north of Phoenix. Eastward it extended over into most of the region now within Gila and Pinal counties.

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MISS MARY PROCHNOW BRIDE OF SELBY LEWIS

Selby L. Lewis and Miss Mary Elizabeth Prochnow were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Prochnow, 304 Elden avenue, at 11:30 a. m., Saturday, December 16, Father Vabre performing the ceremony.

Miss Mary Conrad acted as bride's maid and Ray Prochnow was best man. Only members of the family witnessed the event. Immediately after the ceremony an elaborate wedding breakfast was served at the home.

The happy couple left on No. 22 the same afternoon for Texas and Oklahoma points where they will visit for a couple of weeks, when they will return to Flagstaff to make their future home.

Mary Prochnow was born and grew to charming young womanhood in Flagstaff. She has been employed more or less in the Commercial hotel, which is operated by her father, and is one of the town's most estimable young ladies. She has a large circle of friends who wish nothing but the best for her future happiness.

Mr. Lewis is and has been for some years past the local representative of the Armour Packing company, and has made a host of friends since coming here. His former home was in San Antonio, Texas, where he was in the employe of the same firm, and where his parents now reside.

YOUNG MAN TALKED TOO MUCH—WAS A NAVY DESERTER

There are times when it doesn't pay to talk too much, and a young man who recently deserted from the United States navy at San Diego has found that out to his sorrow.

The young man, giving his name as Rudolph Melcher, applied at the county jail one evening last week for a night's lodging, as he was broke. The boys there, always willing to give a fellow a lift, fixed up a cot for him. While loafing about the jail lobby that evening the young man appeared inclined to talk, and it was not long until the officers caught enough to make them suspect that he was wanted some place, and proceeded to draw him out.

From his talk and actions they decided that he had recently been in San Diego, and a telegram to that point brought back the word that Melcher was a deserter from the navy, and ordering his arrest and detention.

Sheriff Campbell left Saturday with the prisoner for San Diego, where the young man will get free lodging for several nights.

WELL KNOWN FLAGSTAFF COUPLE MARRIED WEDNESDAY

W. A. Lannon and Mary A. Flynn were married by Father Vabre at the Church of the Nativity Wednesday morning, December 20, at 8 o'clock mass. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Murphy acted as best man and bridesmaid.

Immediately after the ceremony an elaborate wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Robt. Bomberg, at which there were present the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Bomberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Farrell, Miss Kate O'Farrell and Father Vabre.

Mr. Lannon is employed as foreman at the Greenway mill camp, and the newly married couple will make their home at that point in the future, with the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Flagstaff need not complain about chilly weather. Think of Chicago where 3 below equals 30 below here and of White River, Ont., where it is 50 below zero. Several frozes to death in Chicago during the cold wave.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sharp came in from Tuba Tuesday to do some holiday shopping. Mr. Sharp is superintendent of the Indian school at Tuba and is planning on giving the children as well as some of the older ones a merry Christmas. He is doing a wonderful work among the Indians on the reservation, and some of the older Indians actually put gifts on the tree last year for their children.

Will Santa Bring These to Good Boy Flagstaff?



BABBITT-POLSON STORE AT WILLIAMS ROBBED

Under Sheriff S. O. Thompson was called to Williams Tuesday to investigate the robbery of the Babbitt-Polson store in that place Sunday night.

Two men had evidently entered the place through the skylight, going down on a rope they had cut from the flagpole at the forestry station. They helped themselves to considerable clothing, each fitting themselves out from head to foot, taking goods to the value of something like \$150.

Foot prints of the two would indicate that one was a very large man and the other a small man.

No trace of them was found, and as no one saw them enter or leave the store, the authorities have no description of the men.

ROBBERS GET NOTHING BUT A GOOD FEED

A couple of men, evidently local parties, broke into Joe Bender's cafe Tuesday night, but secured little for their trouble, except a good feed. The men made their entrance by breaking a glass in the back part of the house. They rifled the cash register, but there was nothing in it but a few pennies. The pair evidently were hungry, for they helped themselves to all kinds of food, but apparently carried none away with them. There is no clew as to their identity.